



STINK BUG SEASON 2025-2026

Fact Sheet



What is the BMSB?

The Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) is a serious biosecurity threat to Australia. Each year, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) enforces strict seasonal measures to keep this pest from entering the country.

Impact On Importers

BMSB seasonal measures will apply to targeted goods manufactured in or shipped from target risk countries, that have been shipped between 1 September and 30 April (inclusive), and to vessels that berth, load, or tranship from target risk countries within the same period.

What's New in 2025/26

- Republic of Korea and Japan added to emerging risk countries list
- Airfreight: Target high-risk goods from USA and China subject to random inspections
- Ethyl Formate added as a new offshore treatment option
- Updated process for in-transit and rolled cargo policy

Countries Affected

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, China (heightened vessel surveillance only), Croatia, Czechia, France, Japan (heightened vessel surveillance only), Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea (heightened vessel surveillance only), Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Moldova, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Republic of North Macedonia, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine, United States of America, Uzbekistan.

- The following countries have been identified as emerging risk countries for the BMSB risk season and may be selected for a random onshore inspection: United Kingdom, China, Japan and Republic of Korea.
- Random inspections will apply to goods shipped from United Kingdom, China, Japan and Republic of Korea between 1 September to 30 April (inclusive).
- In addition to the target high risk goods, chapters 39, 94 and 95 will be subject to random inspections for emerging risk countries only.

Goods Affected (full list below)

- Target High-Risk Goods (mandatory treatment)
- Target Risk Goods (random inspections)
- Goods shared with other risk goods (mandatory treatment)

Goods not classified as target high risk or target risk are exempt from BMSB measures, unless shipped in the same container or consignment as those goods.



Approved Treatment Types

- Heat treatment
- Methyl Bromide fumigation
- Sulfuryl Fluoride fumigation
- Ethyl Formate (offshore only, new option introduced for the 2025/26 season)

All treatments **must** be conducted by DAFF-approved providers only to be deemed valid.

- [Onshore approved providers list \(Australia\)](#)
- [Offshore approved treatment providers list \(Overseas\)](#)

Treatment Window

For goods treated before 1 December, a 120-hour post-treatment window applies:

- Fumigation – starts when ventilation begins
- Heat treatment – starts immediately after treatment ends
- Containerised goods – must be sealed within 120 hours (with declaration if needed)
- Break bulk / flat rack / open top – must be loaded onto vessel within 120 hours.
- Not applicable for goods treated in non-target risk countries or after 1 December.



Rules by Cargo Type

- **Break Bulk (incl. flat rack, open top):** Offshore treatment mandatory. Untreated cargo denied discharge or re-exported.
- **Containerised Cargo (FCL/FCX):** May be treated offshore or onshore (container level only, no deconsolidation).
- **LCL/FAK Cargo:** Managed at container level. Offshore treatment strongly recommended.
- **Airfreight:** Target high-risk goods from USA/China subject to random inspections (treatment not required).

ICE Recommendations

- Arrange offshore treatment wherever possible (onshore capacity is limited, delays are likely).
- If onshore, pack containers to allow effective treatment. [Learn how to pack correctly here.](#)
- If importing materials, machinery, or tools into Australia, there's a strong chance your cargo will be subject to BMSB measures. Engage our experts early so we can help you classify your goods, arrange treatment, and manage all required paperwork to ensure total compliance.

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Target High-Risk Goods

Require mandatory treatment for BMSB risk:

- **44** – Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal
- **45** – Cork and articles of cork
- **57** – Carpets and other textile floor coverings
- **68** – Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials
- **69** – Ceramic products – including sub chapters I and II
- **70** – Glass and glass ware
- **72** – Iron and steel – including sub chapters I, II, III, IV
- **73** – Articles of iron or steel
- **74** – Copper and articles thereof
- **75** – Nickel and articles thereof
- **76** – Aluminium and articles thereof
- **78** – Lead and articles thereof
- **79** – Zinc and articles thereof
- **80** – Tin and articles thereof
- **81** – Other base metals; cermets; articles thereof
- **82** – Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof of base metal
- **83** – Miscellaneous articles of base metals
- **84** – Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof
- **85** – Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles
- **86** – Railway or tramway locomotives, rolling-stock and parts thereof; railway or tramway track fixtures and fittings and parts thereof; mechanical (including electro-mechanical) traffic signalling equipment of all kinds
- **87** – Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof
- **88** – Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof
- **89** – Ships, boats and floating structures

Target risk goods

Only subject to increased onshore intervention through random inspection:

- **27** – Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes
- **28** – Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, of radioactive elements or of isotopes – including sub chapters I, II, III, IV and V
- **29** – Organic chemicals – including sub chapters I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XII and XIII
- **38** – Miscellaneous chemical products
- **39** – Plastics and articles thereof – including sub chapters I and II
- **40** – Rubber and articles thereof
- **48** – Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard
- **49** – Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other products of the printing industry; manuscripts, typescripts and plans
- **56** – Wadding, felt and nonwovens; special yarns; twine, cordage, ropes and cables and articles thereof



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